

## House Resolution 44 - Introduced

### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 44

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1 A Resolution to recognize the positive impact of the  
2 community services block grant program.

3 WHEREAS, in state fiscal year 2010, 365,752 Iowans  
4 in 140,333 households were helped in their fight  
5 against poverty through services funded by the federal  
6 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program; and

7 WHEREAS, more than 96 percent of the families  
8 receiving services were at or below 175 percent of  
9 the federal poverty level or \$35,427 annual family  
10 income; and

11 WHEREAS, more than 76 percent of the individuals  
12 served by the 18 community action agencies were  
13 working or received social security as their source of  
14 income; and

15 WHEREAS, those 18 community action agencies have 127  
16 service centers throughout all 99 Iowa counties; and

17 WHEREAS, each community action agency is governed  
18 by a community-based volunteer board of directors  
19 consisting of elected officials, private sector  
20 representatives, and low-income Iowans; and

21 WHEREAS, Iowa's 18 community action agencies employ  
22 3,350 Iowans; and

23 WHEREAS, CSBG funding for the 18 community action  
24 agencies brought in \$2.3 million in local funding,  
25 \$13.6 million in private funding, \$13.9 million in  
26 state funding, and \$222.9 million in federal funding to  
27 Iowa's local communities; and

28 WHEREAS, CSBG funding for Iowa's 18 community action

1 agencies helped generate \$17.7 million in in-kind goods  
2 and services and donated items; and

3 WHEREAS, the 18 community action agencies received  
4 \$7,154,281 in CSBG funding enabling the community  
5 action agencies to operate their service centers and to  
6 administer state and federally funded programs; and

7 WHEREAS, President Obama has proposed a 50 percent  
8 reduction in CSBG funding and making the allocation  
9 of the remaining funds competitive instead of  
10 continuing the current allocation formula that brings  
11 stability to Iowa's community and economic development  
12 initiatives; and

13 WHEREAS, the Iowa House of Representatives supports  
14 efforts of the United States Congress to effectively  
15 reduce the federal deficit while promoting the current  
16 and future economic security of all Iowans; NOW  
17 THEREFORE,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That  
19 the House of Representatives supports the positive  
20 impact of the CSBG program in Iowa and opposes federal  
21 action to reduce CSBG funding disproportionately  
22 compared to the rest of the federal domestic  
23 discretionary budget; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
25 resolution be sent to the President of the United  
26 States, the President and Secretary of the United  
27 States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United  
28 States House of Representatives, and each member of the  
29 Iowa congressional delegation.